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COMNAVFORJAPAN INSTRUCTION 1020.3B

Subj: CIVILIAN CLOTHING REGULATION/POLICY

Ref: (a) Manual for Courts-Martial  
(b) COMNAVFORJAPANINST 1750.2 series  
(c) U.S. Navy Uniform Regulations (NAVPERS 15665I)  
(d) CINCPACFLTINST 5440.3 series

Encl: (1) Powerpoint Presentation Illustrating Examples of Acceptable  
And Unacceptable Clothing

1. Purpose. To provide policy for appropriate civilian clothing and personal appearance on and off base within the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan (COMNAVFORJAPAN) area of responsibility (AOR).

2. Cancellation. This is a complete revision and cancels COMNAVFORJAPAN INST. 1020.3A; therefore, no margin notations have been included.

3. Application. This regulation/policy is applicable to:

a. All Navy personnel in the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces, Japan (COMNAVFORJAPAN) area of responsibility (AOR),

b. All Armed Forces personnel who are permanently or temporarily assigned to or enter upon commands/installations under the control of COMNAVFORJAPAN and/or tenant commands aboard commands/installations under the control of COMNAVFORJAPAN, and

c. All military family members, retirees, DoD civilians, Civilian Mariners, DoDDS teachers and students, Federal employees, contract civilians, their guests and their family members who are ten years of age or older, who are permanently or temporarily assigned to or enter upon commands and/or installations under the control of COMNAVFORJAPAN and/or tenant commands aboard commands or installations under the control of COMNAVFORJAPAN.

4. Scope. This regulation/policy is a general order and carries the force and effect of such. Violation of any of the provisions of this regulation/policy may provide the basis for administrative and/or disciplinary action against all subject personnel pursuant to references (a) and (b).

5. General

a. It is the policy of COMNAVFORJAPAN that all covered personnel will present a good public image, and maintain good order, discipline and morale appropriate to the Japan AOR. Each individual, whether military or civilian, is an ambassador of the United States and the

U.S. Navy while in this AOR. As such, individual dress, attire and conduct should reflect credit upon oneself, the U.S. Navy and the United States.

b. All officers, chief petty officers, petty officers and sponsors are expected to set high standards for the wearing of civilian clothing and personal appearance. Additionally, all individuals and especially, Officers, Chief Petty Officers, Petty Officers and sponsors are to ensure personnel, adults and minors alike, under their charge and responsibility adhere to these minimum standards.

c. This regulation/policy is not intended to supplant directives issued by individual base commanders or commanding officers to accommodate local circumstances. However, in the event of a conflict between this regulation/policy and individual base or separate command directives, this regulation/policy shall take precedence. Additionally, the Director of Morale Welfare and Recreation, Manager of the Navy Exchange, Commissary Officer, Defense Commissary Agency and Principals of DoDD Schools shall ensure that this regulation/policy is enforced in their respective areas of responsibility. They will ensure that their staff and employees are trained on the contents of this policy.

6. Enforcement. Everyone is responsible for enforcing this regulation/policy and promoting good order, discipline, and morale. Military Police, Shore Patrol, and all individuals in positions of leadership (i.e. parents, teachers, managers, officers, chiefs and petty officers) will address discrepancies and, either issue a Minor Uniform Infraction Chit, Form CNFJ 1020/1, or otherwise inform the individual's command or sponsoring command when violations are observed. Persons whose appearance does not comply with this regulation/policy, and who cannot correct the discrepancy on the spot, will be refused the service they seek and will also be directed to return to their command, quarters or residence to improve their personal clothing/appearance.

#### 7. Prohibited Civilian Clothing

a. Clothing which has been altered, or worn in a manner to present an abbreviated covering, or sexually provocative appearance is prohibited.

b. Any garment, to include caps and hats, inscribed, printed or bearing patches with slogans, words, pictures, symbols or print which; may be interpreted by a reasonable person to be profane, sexually suggestive or obscene and that may be interpreted as directly and clearly derogatory to any ethnic, racial, religious group, to any military service or nation, or to the flag, logo or symbol of any nation is prohibited. This includes garments that are supportive of or oriented towards the glamorization of alcohol abuse, or any other illegal activity, including the use of illegal or illicit drugs.

c. Clothing which is obviously soiled, torn, or excessively worn or frayed is prohibited.

d. Hair nets, wave-caps/do-rags, handkerchiefs, bandannas, or nylon socks on the head are prohibited (even if under a cap) outside of

living quarters except while participating in sports or physical training activities. Females may wear scarves (not bandanas) on the head if done so in a conservative, fashionable manner.

8. Civilian Clothing. Every individual subject to this regulation/policy is responsible to ensure their clothing and appearance are appropriate for the occasion. Current styles and fashions that are neat, clean and in good taste are authorized. The size and fit of all clothing will display a neat appearance and will not be excessively over or undersized (see enclosure 1). The following minimum dress code standards, while not all-inclusive, are provided.

a. Footwear. Appropriate serviceable footwear will be worn.

(1) Shoes with laces will be tied.

(2) Sandals (including those without a back strap) and casual styles of footwear are appropriate and may be worn with or without socks.

(3) Shower shoes (made entirely of plastic or rubber material as shown in enclosure (1)), dive booties, bare feet, etc., are appropriate in living quarters and at recreational beaches and swimming pools, otherwise, they are not appropriate and are prohibited.

b. Shirts/Blouses

(1) T-shirts (other than undershirts) may be worn as outerwear.

(2) Undershirts, tank top style athletic shirts/jerseys, and swimsuit tops are not appropriate outerwear (except while participating in picnics, athletic events, or while at the pool or beach).

(3) Basketball tank top type jerseys that are not excessively large are acceptable if worn with a t-shirt underneath.

(4) Sleeveless sundresses and blouses and similar styles of female clothing are considered to be appropriate attire.

(5) Professional uniform style baseball, football, basketball, etc., jerseys with sleeves are acceptable but they must not be excessively oversized.

(6) For women, modest halter-top, strapless top, tank top and t-shirt style shirts/blouses (which expose no more than one inch of the midriff) are acceptable.

c. Trousers, Shorts and Skirts/Dresses

(1) Trousers, shorts and skirts/dresses should be of a length, fit, and style to maintain proper modesty.

(2) Skirts/dresses/shorts shall not expose any skin above the middle of the thigh.

(3) Also prohibited are trousers, shorts or skirts/dresses that expose any portion of the underwear or buttocks as well as those that

are excessively "baggy" or hanging off the buttocks.

(4) Skirts/dresses, trousers, blue jeans and shorts that have not been properly hemmed are prohibited.

d. Military clothing. Organizational clothing is not authorized for wear with or as civilian attire.

e. Beach/Athletic attire. Beach attire is prohibited in mess halls, retail stores, and clubs, restaurants and working spaces. This includes, but is not limited to, the NEX, commissary, theaters, libraries, snack bars, bowling alley, hospital, medical and dental clinics, or other similar establishments. Athletic attire can be described in two categories, active wear and casual wear (see enclosure 1). Active wear is prohibited in mess halls, retail stores, and clubs, restaurants and working spaces. This includes, but is not limited to, the NEX, commissary, theaters, libraries, snack bars, bowling alley, hospital, medical and dental clinics, or other similar establishments. Casual wear is allowed as long as it is neat, clean and presentable. Running shorts, bicycle shorts are obviously active wear. Sweat pants can be both active and casual. If the sweat pants were just worn while working out, then they are active wear. If they are clean and the wearer is going to go shopping in them, then they can be considered casual wear. Athletic wear can be worn on or off-base, outside your quarters/residence, only when the wearer is engaged in an athletic event or sports/physical training activity or is en route directly to or from such an event or activity.

(1) Bathing/swim suits or other water sports/beach attire may be worn only for swimming, sunbathing, or sports activities in the immediate vicinity of a beach, pool or quarters. While in transit to or from quarters to any area in which a swimsuit/beach attire is authorized, appropriate outer clothing will be worn. This includes transiting to or from the base.

(2) Although basketball tank top type jerseys are acceptable if worn with a t-shirt underneath, when worn with matching shorts this combination is deemed as athletic attire.

(3) Baseball style caps may be worn.

f. Tattoos, Body Art, and Brands. The display of tattoos, body art, and brands that are prejudicial to good order, discipline, and morale or are of a nature to bring discredit upon the U.S. Navy is prohibited. Active duty personnel will be guided by reference (c).

g. Earrings. Current earring styles and fashions for both men and women that are neat, clean and in good taste are authorized. For active duty men, earrings are discouraged, although they may be worn off base, in a non-duty status, and when not participating in a military-sponsored event.

h. Body Piercing and Hair

(1) Body piercing is not authorized for active duty personnel in civilian attire when in a duty status or while in/aboard any ship, craft, aircraft, or in any military vehicle or within any base or other

place under military jurisdiction, or while participating in any organized military recreational activities. Body piercing for any individual subject to this instruction that appears excessive and brings undue attention or makes the individual a spectacle is prohibited and is unauthorized.

(2) Outrageous hair styling or coloring is unauthorized. Military personnel will comply with the hair/grooming standards promulgated in reference (c).

9. Action. Commanding Officers will ensure that the provisions of this regulation/policy are widely publicized and that newly reporting personnel are properly briefed on the prohibitions and restrictions contained herein.

  
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